

STATE FFA CAMP

JAG LAKE



CAMP RULES

Please read the enclosed information with your members!

This packet includes updated information and procedures for chapters using the State FFA Camp. These rules must be covered with your chapter members before your camp dates and followed during your entire stay at the State FFA Camp facilities.

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State FFA Camp – Jag Lake

NOTE: Please make copies of this material for your students and review with them so they understand all rules and procedures before coming to Jag Lake.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA uses the State FFA Camp facilities at Jag Lake for educational purposes in the areas of FFA leadership development, FFA chapter development, and environmental awareness. Members and advisors maintain the facilities with the assistance of a caretaker hired by the Wisconsin Association of FFA. The camp is leased from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

General Information

Directions to Camp

The State FFA Camp on Jag Lake is located in Vilas County, east of Highway 51. It is approximately 15 miles north of Woodruff, Wisconsin. Follow Highway 51 north of Woodruff approximately 15 miles until County Trunk "H" leads off to the right of Highway 51. Follow County Trunk "H" until it makes a definite turn north to Boulder Junction. Turn right onto North Creek Road at this point, which leads to the "Upper Gresham Lake Campground," a State DNR public campground. Follow North Creek Road approximately 250 feet beyond the Upper Gresham Lake Campground driveway to another driveway on the left, marked as Fire # 11550. Turn left into this driveway, which is clearly marked with a large FFA Camp sign. The driveway will fork to the left and right; just take the right fork into the FFA camp.

Length of Stay

3-day period - Monday Noon through Thursday Noon

4-day period - Thursday noon through Monday noon

Other day combinations may be available by calling DPI at (608) 266-7262.

Check-in/Check-out (see Check-in Procedure and Check-out List)

No later than two weeks prior to your camp dates, and after DPI has received your signed contract and any outstanding fees, you will be given the information necessary to access the camp property.

- Check-in is at 1:30 p.m.
- Checkout is at 10:30 a.m. to allow for camp cleanup.

Camp Capacity Limit

A maximum of 18 people are allowed to stay at the camp. This number must include an FFA advisor serving as chaperone/supervisor. Each chapter should have 1 chaperone for every 5-6 students for safety purposes.

Inspection/Clean-up

The camp **MUST** pass inspection after use, which includes: cleaning up, restocking inventory, and confirming there is no damage to the boats or any other property. A checkout sheet must be completed and signed by the FFA Advisor. If the caretaker is unavailable when your group is ready to leave, the signed and completed checkout sheet must be left in the key box for him to collect before the next group arrives. If any property is damaged after a group has used the facility, a fee for replacing that property will be assessed.

Camp Caretaker

The FFA Camp Caretaker is Mr. Chuck Allen. Camp groups are responsible to the caretaker and must comply with his requests at all times. When the caretaker is not on the premises, he can be reached at:

Mr. Chuck Allen
PO Box 742
Boulder Junction, WI 54512
Phone: (715) 385-0080
Emergency #: (715) 892-3744

Medical Attention/Emergencies

In an emergency, when parents must reach their child at camp, they may reach the caretaker at the number above.

There is also a weather radio mounted in the cabin for updates on severe weather. PLEASE DO NOT DISCONNECT THIS RADIO.

Emergency Procedure: Call 911. Station a person on the North Creek Road entrance to the camp to direct emergency personnel.

Rules and Procedures

1. **Storage shed is off limits to all groups unless approved by Chuck Allen.**
2. Broken equipment must be immediately replaced by the chapter responsible or it will be charged to the chapter using the camp at the time the breakage occurred. Fines will be charged to chapters damaging trees or other camp property. **Tree damage fines assessed by the DNR are \$332/tree.**
3. **All smoke detectors and fire extinguishers must be intact and operational for the next group. Dismantling of this important emergency equipment is PROHIBITED.** Any problems, equipment failures, or the need to recharge the fire extinguisher, should be reported to the caretaker **immediately.**
4. The following are PROHIBITED anywhere on the Jag Lake property, which is State of Wisconsin property:
 - alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
 - firearms
 - promiscuous behavior
 - fireworks
5. **BOATING SAFETY:** Horseplay in or around the boats is forbidden. Life jackets **MUST** be worn and the “buddy” system used when in the boats. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** State boating regulations should be observed at all times. The row boats are not registered, and motors cannot be used on them. Noncompliance will result in the revocation of all boating privileges and fines by the DNR—**NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. **Swim at your own risk.** There are no lifeguards on duty. The “buddy” system should also be used when swimming.
7. An inventory check sheet will be reviewed when a chapter group arrives at camp. Check out procedures must be followed, and the check-out list signed and dated by the FFA advisor for submission to the caretaker upon departure.
8. Camp equipment **MUST** be returned to its proper location before departure. **If something is needed from the storage shed please call Chuck for assistance.** All items needed for your stay should be ready for you to use. Beds are not to be moved. **ALL MATTRESSES MUST STAY ON THE BUNK BEDS, AND DIRTY FEET AND SHOES MUST REMAIN OFF THE BEDS.**
9. Mattresses should be covered with sheets to protect them. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHAPTER TO BRING SHEETS FOR THE BEDS THEY USE.**
10. Cooking facilities should be properly cleaned and left in usable condition **AT ALL TIMES.** The counters should be washed before departure, and all cooking utensils cleaned and properly stored. **NO FOOD** should be left behind. The oven and refrigerator must be cleaned and ready for the next chapter.
11. **All garbage must be placed in the bags provided, which should then be tied tightly and placed in the covered garbage cans provided at the camp. The caretaker will empty the garbage cans**

before the next group arrives. Please check with the caretaker regarding disposal of fish waste. DO NOT PLACE FISH WASTE IN THE GARBAGE CANS.

12. The area around the camp should be inspected for any discarded paper and trash, which should be placed in the garbage cans.
13. Outdoor fires are to be lit in the campfire area ONLY. This is a regulation of the forestry service in the interest of fire safety. Please leave the designated fire pit in place. The fire pit SHOULD NOT be rearranged. Fires should be a reasonable size.
14. A fishing license is required for those 16 years and older. Since Jag Lake is primarily a bass lake, the legal fishing dates must be carefully observed. Conservation wardens will be checking for valid licenses and observance of regulations. Jag Lake has been identified as one of Wisconsin's top ten lakes most polluted with mercury. Please adhere to DNR fish advisories.
15. If small children accompany your chapter, **they must be supervised AT ALL TIMES**. Do NOT allow them to sleep in top bunks due to the danger of falling.
16. The camp must be maintained in a safe condition at all times in accordance with the DNR Lease Agreement. A copy of the lease is posted in the cabin, along with other DNR rules and regulations pertaining to fireworks and tree removal and/or damage. The DNR does not allow any tree cutting or sign or marker posting unless permission is granted. All debris must be handled and disposed of according to DNR regulations.

Camp Conservation

If your chapter would like to complete a special project at the camp, please contact Mr. Hicken at DPI (608-267-9255). **These projects must be approved in advance.**

The camp's exterior appearance is extremely important. Please keep in mind this camp is located on state DNR land, and FFA members and advisors must help conserve the natural resources and plan for the future development of this site. The following suggestions are offered:

1. Removal of dead wood (windfalls and beaver cuttings) is encouraged. Fuel supplies from this source will be ample for considerable time. A real service can be performed if each chapter clears the site of dead wood and stacks it in a convenient location for firewood.
2. Remember, there is a state law prohibiting the transportation of trees and plants. Any plant growth on the Jag Lake campsite should be conscientiously preserved.
3. Neither the lake residents, forest rangers, nor the camp caretaker will tolerate loud, unruly behavior. Music must be played at a reasonable volume that does not disturb neighboring residents. Complaints about loudness will be cause for camp permits being denied to uncooperative chapters.
4. Carving initials on the outside of buildings, bunks, and/or trees is prohibited. Respect for property and our state's resources are core values of the FFA and should be the concern of every member.
5. No camping or picnic fires are allowed on the small island in Jag Lake. This ruling exists to preserve the natural beauty and plant growth of the island and is made at the request of the State Forestry Service.
6. Respecting the property rights of others is integral to the Jag Lake experience. Use of neighboring boats, piers, or other property is strictly forbidden. The Jag Lake area is densely populated in the summer, and your actions at this camp are closely observed.
7. The camp area has a limited number of trees to provide shade and covering for the campsite. It takes many years to renew the shade cover. Any cutting, marking, or girdling of trees will cause trees to die and reduce the tree canopy. Fines will be imposed to the chapter damaging any tree on the Jag Lake property.

Having your chapter assist with maintaining the property around the cabin by cleaning, stacking brush, etc., is sincerely appreciated at any time and is also an excellent public service activity for chapter members.

The State FFA Camp is currently in good condition; and a significant amount of time and money has been spent developing the site. Chapters should enjoy these facilities and show their appreciation by observing these rules and maintaining and improving the camp. The Wisconsin Association of FFA and its 17,000 members and advisors entrust the camp in your care.

Camp Equipment (items provided at camp)

9	Double bunks (18 individuals). Mattresses are relatively new and should not be removed from beds or soiled in any way. Chapters will be responsible for replacing any damaged mattresses.
1	Completely modern kitchen with an electric range, refrigerator/freezer, indoor plumbing/sink, and microwave oven.
Multi	Assortment of kitchen equipment, including knives, pans, coffee pot, skillets, cooking kettles, pails, etc.
Multi	Assortment of table equipment, including dinner plates, cups, saucers, serving dishes, knives, forks, and spoons
1	8-foot folding table, hinged to the wall, which can be extended to 13 feet
1	6-foot reading table
16	Wooden chairs
4	Table benches
2	Shower rooms with shower and sink
1	Volleyball net and volleyball
1	Basketball hoop and basketball
1	Horseshoes game pit
2	Outdoor barbecue grills
1	Outdoor barrel grill
5	Rowboats
5	Sets of oars
10	Life jackets
Asst	rakes and shovels
Multi	brooms, mops, and wash buckets
1	Flag pole and US Flag
3	picnic tables
1	Fire ring
Multi	Outdoor chairs

Items to bring with you:

- _____ 1. A copy of the Jag Lake Camp Rules
- _____ 2. Emergency health information for each of your campers
- _____ 3. Food supplies sufficient for the entire camping period
- _____ 4. Towels, washcloths, soap, toiletries, etc.
- _____ 5. Bedding, blankets, sheets for each bed, and sleeping bags, if desired.
- _____ 6. Dish towels, dish soap, and washcloths for kitchen use
- _____ 7. Life Jackets—only if sizes larger than x-large and smaller than medium are needed
- _____ 8. Cellular telephone—ask your school, they may have one to lend you
- _____ 9. Flashlights
- _____ 10. Recreational items such as cards, games, Frisbees, footballs, etc.

Please remember the weather can vary significantly during your camp stay. You should be prepared for ANYTHING. Bring what you feel is necessary for your group to get the most out of their experience at Jag Lake.